

Active Legislation Related to the MMRS Program

H.R. 5441: Making Appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d109:H.R.5441:>

-*Introduced:* May 22, 2006

-*Last Action:* June 29, 2006 – Placed on Senate Legislation Calendar No. 503

-*Also in Committee at:*

House Appropriations

Senate Appropriations – Subcommittee on Homeland Security

-*Abstract:*

-Outlines the 2007 budget for the Department of Homeland Security

-Some important funding highlights for the MMRS program are:

- \$331,500,000 for national programs:

- \$11,500,000 for technical assistance

- \$145,000,000 for the existing members of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium, to be distributed consistent with the fiscal year 2006 allocation

- \$20,000,000 for Citizen Corps

- \$50,000,000 for exercises

- \$35,000,000 for the Metropolitan Medical Response System

- \$25,000,000 for demonstration training grants

- \$30,000,000 for continuing training grants

- \$15,000,000 for evaluations and assessments

- Transfers the National Disaster Medical System to the Secretary to the Department of Health and Human Services effective January 1, 2007.

H.R. 5438: Public Health and Medical Emergency Coordination Act of 2006

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:H.R.5438:>

- *Introduced:* May 22, 2006

- *Last Action:* May 30, 2006 - Referred to Subcommittee on Energy Preparedness, Science, and Technology

- *Also in Committee at:*

House Energy and Commerce

House Homeland Security

- *Abstract:*

- Amends Public Health Service Act

- Transfers National Disaster Medical System to Health and Human Services

H.R. 5351: National Emergency Management Reform and Enhancement Act of 2006

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:H.R.5351:>

- *Introduced:* May 11, 2006

- *Last Action:* May 17, 2006 - Ordered to be reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security
- *Also in Committee at:*
 - House Transportation and Infrastructure
 - House Energy and Commerce - Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet
- *Abstract:*
 - Improves communication and coordination at the federal, state, and local levels
 - Strengthens disaster preparedness and response capabilities nationwide
 - Eliminates waste, fraud, and abuse
 - CREATES:
 - Deputy Under Secretary Positions (2)
 - Emergency Preparedness and Mitigation
 - Emergency Response and Recovery
 - Role:
 - Increase coordination between FEMA and first responders
 - Regional Offices and Regional Directors under DHS
 - Role:
 - Oversee preparedness and response activities
 - Assistant Secretary for Emergency Communications
 - Role:
 - Maintain communication at all levels of government and among all first responders
 - Head of FEMA becomes Under Secretary
 - Role:
 - Serve as Presidential Advisor

H.R. 5316: RESPOND Act of 2006

- <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:H.R.5316:>
- *Introduced:* May 9, 2006
- *Last Action:* May 18, 2006 - Ordered to be reported by the Committee for House Government Reform
- *Also in Committee at:*
 - House Transportation and Infrastructure
 - House Homeland Security
- *Abstract:*
 - Reestablishes FEMA as a cabinet-level independent establishment
 - Reestablishes FEMA as the agency responsible for the Nation's prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery from disasters

H.R. 4632: Chief Medical Officer Authorization Act of 2005

- <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:H.R.4632:>
- *Introduced:* December 17, 2005
- *Last Action:* January 6, 2006 - Referred to House Subcommittee on

Management, Integration, and Oversight and Subcommittee on
Emergency Preparedness, Science and Technology

- *Also in Committee at:*

House Homeland Security

House Energy and Commerce- Subcommittee on Health

- *Abstract:*

- Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002

- CREATES:

- Chief Medical Officer

- position located in Office of the Secretary of Homeland
Security

- controls MMRS program

H.R. 4493: Federal Emergency Management Agency Restoration Act

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:H.R.4493:>

- *Introduced:* December 8, 2005

- *Last Action:* December 19, 2005 - Referred to Subcommittee on Management,
Integration, and Oversight

- *Also in Committee at:*

House Transportation and Infrastructure- Subcommittee on Economic
Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management

House Committee on Homeland Security

- *Abstract:*

- Reestablishes FEMA as a cabinet-level independent establishment

- Reestablishes FEMA as the agency responsible for the Nation's
prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery from disasters

H.R. 4356: Emergency and Disaster Assistance Fraud Penalty Enhancement Act of 2005

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:H.R.4356:>

- *Introduced:* November 17, 2005

- *Last Action:* May 19, 2006 - Reported by the House Judiciary Committee and
placed on House calendar for consideration

- *Abstract:*

- Amends Title 18, US Code, with respect to fraud in connection with
major disaster / emergency funds

H.R. 4258: Planning for Evacuations of People in Life-Threatening Emergencies Act

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:H.R.4258:>

- *Introduced:* November 8, 2005

- *Last Action:* November 9, 2005 - Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic
Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management

- *Also in Committee at:*

House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

- *Abstract:*

- Amends the Robert T Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
- Ensures that evacuation procedures are included in State and local emergency preparedness plans

H.R. 4112: National Emergency Centers Establishment Act

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:H.R.4112:>

- *Introduced:* October 20, 2005
- *Last Action:* November 10, 2005 - Referred to the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities
- *Also in Committee at:*
 - House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure- Subcommittee on Railroads
 - House Committee on Armed Services
- *Abstract:*
 - Directs the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to establish national emergency centers on military installations

H.R. 4009: Department of Homeland Security Reform Act of 2005

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:H.R.4009:>

- *Introduced:* October 6, 2005
- *Last Action:* October 7, 2005 - Referred to House Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines; Subcommittee on Aviation; and Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation
- *Also in Committee at:*
 - House Homeland Security Committee
 - House Intelligence Committee
 - House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
- *Abstract:*
 - Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require Secretary of DHS to conduct quadrennial reviews of DHS
 - Reorganizes structure of personnel in DHS

H.R. 3858/S. 2548: Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2005

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:H.R.3858:>

- *Introduced:* September 22, 2005
- *Last Action:* May 23, 2006 - Received in Senate and referred to Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
- *Abstract:*
 - Amends Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
 - Establishes local emergency preparedness operational plans that address the needs of pet-owners following a major disaster

H.R. 3816: FEMA Reorganization Bill

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:H.R.3816:>

- *Introduced:* September 15, 2005
- *Last Action:* September 26, 2005 - Referred to Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight
- *Also in Committee at:*
 - House Committee of Transportation and Infrastructure - Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management
 - House Committee on Homeland Security
- *Abstract:*
 - Reestablishes FEMA as an independent agency
 - Requires that its Director be adequately qualified

H.R. 1544: Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders

[http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:H.R.1544:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:H.R.1544)

- *Introduced:* April 12, 2005
- *Last Action:* May 12, 2005 - Referred to Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs
- *Abstract:*
 - Amends Homeland Security Act of 2002
 - Provides for DHS grant funding for First Responders

H. Con. Res. 406: Expressing the sense of Congress that the needs of children affected by major disasters are unique and should be given special consideration in conducting disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities.

[http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:H.CON.RES.406:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:H.CON.RES.406)

- *Introduced:* May 17, 2005
- *Last Action:* May 17, 2005 - Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
- *Abstract:*
 - Calls for the needs of children affected by major disasters to be given special consideration by FEMA

S. 2792: The SAFE Act/The Emergency Preparedness and Response, Security, Accountability, and Flexibility Enhancement Act

[http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:S.2792:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:S.2792)

- *Introduced:* May 11, 2006
- *Last Action:* May 11, 2006 - Referred to Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
- *Abstract:*
 - Revises Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002
 - Accountability for funding
 - Establishment of performance measures and critical benchmarks so that grantees can be measured by their achievements in a certain timeframe
 - Review National Disaster Medical System

S. 2302: Federal Emergency Management Improvement Act of 2006

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:S.2302:>

- *Introduced:* February 16, 2006

- *Last Action:* February 16, 2006 - Referred to Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

- *Abstract:*

- Reestablishes FEMA as an independent establishment in the executive branch

- Requires FEMA to be headed by a Director appointed by the President

S. 2124: Emergency Preparedness and Response for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 2005

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:S.2124:>

- *Introduced:* December 16, 2005

- *Last Action:* December 16, 2005 - Referred to Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

- *Abstract:*

- Addresses the needs of individuals with disabilities in emergency planning requirements and relief efforts

- Increases the accessibility of replacement housing.

S. 2043: Mass Evacuation Exercise Assistance Act of 2005

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:S.2043:>

- *Introduced:* November 17, 2005

- *Last Action:* January 18, 2006 - Introductory Remarks

- *In Committee at:*

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

- *Abstract:*

- Amends the Robert T Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act

- Provides for grants for mass evacuation exercises for urban and suburban areas and execution of emergency response plans

S. 1725: Assure Emergency and Interoperable Communications for First Responders Act of 2005

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:S.1725:>

- *Introduced:* September 19, 2005

- *Last Action:* September 29, 2005: Reported by Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and placed on Senate Legislative calendar

- *Abstract:*

- Strengthens Federal leadership, provides grants, enhances outreach and guidance, and provides other support to State and local officials to enhance emergency communications capabilities, to achieve communications interoperability, to foster improved regional

collaboration, to promote more efficient utilization of funding devoted to public safety communications, to promote research and development by both the public and private sectors for first responder communications

S. 975: Project Bioshield II Act of 2005

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:S.975:>

- *Introduced:* April 28, 2005
- *Last Action:* July 21, 2005: Discussed by Senate Subcommittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
- *Also in Committee at:*
Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness
- *Abstract:*
 - CREATES:
 - Office of Medical Readiness within the Office of the Secretary of DHS
 - Assumes control of National Disaster Medical System and MMRS
 - Provides funding for development of countermeasures to terrorism and infectious diseases